

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter Week 4

Parish Finances

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 18/19th May was **€2,964.50**.

The Rosary will be recited before 9.30am Sunday Mass in the church of the Annunciation Carrig during the month of May

Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Active Retirement are holding a meeting in Carrig Community Hall on Monday May 20th @ 7.30pm. This will be our last monthly meeting until September. We will have a speaker on the night so come along for some gardening tips. New members welcome.

Lough Derg - 3 day pilgrimage June 24/25/26. Bus leaving from Emmett Square if interested please contact the parish office 05791-22028

Eucharistic Ministers New Rotas are now available behind the altar. Many thanks to our Eucharistic Ministers for their continued support.

Celebrating creativity as we age, Bealtaine programme at **Birr Theatre** includes an informal free event called, My Silent Brother, Fri 24 May at 7pm. Fiona Breen has a true story to tell, "it is about my brother Peter who vanished 37 years ago. We do not know why he left. The story I would like to tell is not his but ours. The six sisters he left behind and what his leaving has meant to us." A work in progress, sharing of a new performance. Admission -FREE!, www.birrtheatre.com

Gents: Join us on our new MenPower programme, exclusively for those aged 18-30 years! This is your chance to level up in all aspects of life, from personal development to career and training opportunities - Starting May 29th. Participation on this programme is free and social welfare benefits will not be affected. Refreshments and a light lunch are provided. For more information call Aoife on 087 7385989.

Busy Bodies Summer camp - Busy Bodies Summer Camp takes place in Killeen National School starting July 1st for 3 weeks. Age 3 to 10 years from 9.30am till 3pm. For more information please contact Ann on 087-9625218

Sponsored by T. P Sullivan Haulage

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 18th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 18th	11am	Communion Mercy P.S, St. Brendan's P.S & Parish Preparation Programme
Sat 18th	7.30pm	Gaetano Lally, Fairview (1st Ann) Valerie McIntyre, Demesne View Michael Mooney, New Road & Dublin
Sun 19th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 19th	9.30am	Communion Carrig N.S.
Sun 19th	10.30am	Dan Carroll, Bulfin Park
Sun 19th	12 noon	James Hegarty, Cappaneale Paddy Digan, Killeen Mary & Jack Murray Ray Murray Fr. Henry Torpey Paddy Kirwan, Newbridge Street
Mon 20th	10.00am	Patrick Hutchinson, Cappaneale
Tues 21st	10.00am	Private Intentions
Wed 22nd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thurs 23rd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Fri 24th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 25th	10am	Private Intentions
Sat 25th	7.30pm	Michael Mikie Donoghue, Cappaneale Rosemary Mooney, Woodlands Park Edward & Mary Sherlock & Son Eddie, Curraduff
Sun 26th	8.30am	Margaret Corrigan, Castle Street (MM) and her husband Paddy
Sun 26th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 26th	10.30am	Donald & Margie Brady, Killeen Vincent Sammon & sister Lola Sammon Johnny Cleary and his wife Geraldine, Presentation Place Maureen Plunkett, High Street
Sun 26th	12 noon	Sheila Phelan, Wilmer Road (1st Ann) Paddy & Chrissie O'Meara, Burkes Hill William Cooney, John's Mall Brian Studdert, Sandymount Ave Special Intention for Silver Jubilee

Please pray for the souls of

Michael Loughnane, Whiteford
Mary Hutchinson, Brendan's Villas
John Flanagan, Tullamore, father of May Cavanagh,
Military Road Crinkle
Denis Looney, Dublin & formerly Post Office Birr
Rita Cunningham, Roscrea, mother of Damien Cunningham
staff of St. Brendan's P.S.



Spirit of God

You are the breath of creation, the wind of change that blows through our lives, opening us up to new dreams and new hopes, new life in Jesus Christ.

Forgive us our closed minds which barricade themselves against new ideas, preferring the past to what you might want to do through us tomorrow. Forgive our closed eyes which fail to see the needs of the world, blind to opportunities of service and love.

Forgive our closed hands which clutch our gifts and our wealth for our own use alone.

Forgive our closed hearts which limit our affections to ourselves and our own.

Spirit of new life, forgive us and break down the prison walls of our selfishness, that we might be open to your love and open for the service of your world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Safeguarding Month

May is Safeguarding month in the Diocese of Killaloe. The Diocese ensures that all parish staff / volunteers who have a role with children and or vulnerable adults are garda vetted every 3 years.

This includes all priests, parish safeguarding representatives, Eucharistic Ministers that take communion to the sick, leader / helpers involved in parish activities with children and vulnerable adults. To view our garda vetting policy and who needs to be vetted visit www.killaloediocese.ie/safeguarding

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje July 17th - 24th. Fully escorted Trip €745 inclusive of breakfast and dinner. Deposit of €200 spiritual Director Fr. Tom Hannon. To reserve please contact Phil Robinson 086-3956299

Big Breakfast Fly In Sunday 19th May @ 10am in Birr Airfield. 100% of the proceeds will go to the Oncology Unit at Tullamore Hospital. Ormond Flying Club have teamed up with Teresa King to raise much needed funds. Please join us by road or air for what will be an amazing day at Birr Airfield. Bring your dancing shoes.

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

Domhnach Cincise.

Ceiliúrtar Domhnach Cincise caoga lá tar éis Dhomhnach Cásca. Thuirling an Spiorad Naomh ar na hAspail. Líonadh Muire, na hAspail agus cairde Íosa leis an Spiorad Naomh. Chuaigh na hAspail amach láithreach ag fógairt an deascéala faoi bheatha, faoi bhás agus faoi aiséirí ár dTiarna. Líonadh Muire, na hAspail agus cairde Íosa leis an Spiorad Naomh. Trí sheanmóireacht Pheadair Naofa glacadh trí mhíle duine isteach san Eaglais. Thug an Spiorad Naomh cumhacht do na hAspail agus tríd an chumhacht sin thug siad faoin gcine daonna a athmhúscailt. Glacaimid an Spiorad Naomh sa Bhaiste agus sa Chóineartú. An Domhnach Cincise seo cuimhnimis gur Críostaithe sinn agus go mbainimid leis an Tiarna Íosa Críost. Is é an Spiorad Naomh, Spiorad na fírinne agus cabhróidh sé linn ár mbeatha a chaitheamh de réir na fírinne. Tá gá go fóill lenár bpaidreacha ar son lucht ceannais gach tíre ionas go gcomhlíonfaidís a ndualgas go cóir agus go cothrom le trua is le taise. Go dtaga dá bharr síocháin agus comhar idir náisiúin an domhain le cúnamh Dé. Moladh go deo leat a Spioraid Naomh. Líon ár gcroíthe le do ghrá agus le do dhíograis. Déan aspail dinn a Thiarna chun deascéala do ghrá a scaipeadh, pé áit a mbeimis. I ngaol Dé, i ngrá Dé, i dtoil Dé, i súil Dé, i rún Dé, i gcúram Dé go gcónaímid. Áiméan.

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday is celebrated fifty days after Easter Sunday. The Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles in the form of tongues of fire. Mary, the apostles, and the disciples of Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit. The Apostles went out immediately spreading the good news of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Through the preaching of St. Peter three thousand were converted to the Church. The Holy Spirit gave the apostles power to go forth and renew the face of the earth. We receive the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation. On this Pentecost Sunday let us reflect on our Christianity and that we belong to Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth who helps us to lead our lives according to the truth. There is ongoing need for our prayers for those who govern in every country that they may exercise their office with justice and compassion. Lord help them to promote peace in the world. Praise be to you Holy Spirit. Fill our hearts with your love and your zeal. Make us bearers of the Good News of Christ wherever we are. May we live in God's kinship, in God's love, in God's will, in expectation of God, in friendship with God, and in God's care. Amen